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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Thien F. Tran

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 December 2004.
2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24, 27 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 2 and 3 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 27 and 28 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-24 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 02/20/04, 06/04/04, 09/14/04
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

Applicant's election of species 6 of Figures 6a-6h with claims 1, 4-24, 27 and 28 readable thereon in the reply filed on 12/15/2004 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claims 1 and 4-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. The disclosure does not provide the ordinary skill artisan with a reasonable expectation of success in creating or carrying out the claimed subject matter, since it does not provide any guidance as to how such by forming a glassy layer (layer 4 as shown by Figure 6d) on the stressed layer 2 on a donor substrate 1; and heat treating the structure that includes the glassy layer 4, the stressed layer 2 and a surface layer 1B at a temperature of at least a viscosity temperature of the glassy layer 4 would relax the stressed layer. Without this disclosure, one of ordinary skill cannot practice the

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invention without undue experimentation because of the number of operational parameters in the process. It appears that the second viscosity temperature to transform at least a portion of the surface layer 1B into a second glassy layer 8 (recited in dependent claim 4 and shown by Figure 1g and Figure 6f) is the step that relaxes the stressed layer 2 not the step of heat treating the structure at a temperature of at least a viscosity temperature of the glassy layer 4 (recited in claim 1 and shown by Figure 1d and Figure 6d). Also, see page 18, line 27-29; page 19, lines 25-28. Applicant is requested to point out exactly wherein the specification that provides support for the limitation recited in claim 1 as discussed above that suggests heat treating the structure before forming the second glass layer 8 (or without the presence of the second glass layer) would relax the stressed layer 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 27 and 28 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: prior art references do not teach or render obvious a method of forming a structure that includes a relaxed or pseudo-relaxed layer on a substrate comprising all the steps as recited in claim 27.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thien F. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1665. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM - 5:00PM Monday through Friday.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eddie C. Lee can be reached on (571) 272-1732. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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